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SUICIDE'S BODY FOUND IN WOODS

Remains of Norman J Oliver Identified By His Wife.

DEAD NEARLY FIVE MONTHS

Despondency Supposed to Have Led Him to End His Life. The Body Discovered by Hunter Between Forest Hill and Belt

Belt Line Railroad, and was later the day identified by Mrs. N. J. ver, of 1117 North Twenty-third eet, as that of her husband, who i disappeared from home on April

e discovery of the corpse was by Mr. W. T. Brown, of Swanswho was out hunting at the The body was lying beneath a of brushwood. Oliver had comd suicide, and he had laid his so well for secreting his body the curious gaze that it had lain a from human view for four and months, identification was made eans of the watch found on the man's person, on which were end the initials "N. J. O.," for Nor-J. Oliver.

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Mrs. Oliver, wife of the dead man, who was seen last night, was of the anqualified opinion that her husband had committed suicide, though the Chesterfield county authorities at first suspected foul play. A vial formerly containing poison, which Mrs. Oliver had missed from the house, was found lying but a few feet from the corpse It is thought that it originally contained carbolic acid, though Mrs. Oliver thinks that her husband died from fained carbolic acid, though Mrs. Oliver thinks that her husband died from fained carbolic acid, though Mrs. Oliver thinks that her husband died from fained carbolic acid, though Mrs. Oliver thinks that her husband died from fained had been married but the months and a half, the marriage taking place on February 12th. Ten days after the weedding his arm was crushed in an accident at the Locomotive Works, where

NAME FIRST NEGRO MAJOR
President Tries to Win Blacks for Tail and Burton.

Times Dispatch Bureau.
Washington, D. C., Sept. 1s.
For the first time in the listory of the United States army a negro is to lisve the rank of major. The lucks negro is for the Tenth. Cavality, colored, for ten years, with the rank of captain. At the end of a decade of service a chaptain is either retired or allowed to take the higher ranks.

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Anderson has been allowed to take the higher rank.

Politics of the deepest nature is in the appointment and promotion. The commission is given Anderson at the request of Raiph Tyler, the Ohio negro recently appointed by the President to the position of auditor for the Navy Department, succeeding a white man. The appointment was also urged by George Myers, of Cleveland, formerly one of Mark Hanna's lieutenants. Chaplain Anderson is a Cleveland negro.

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Secretary Pratt Tells How Van
Believed That He Will Accept, and That His Administration negro.

HE HAS NO AUTHORITY

Governor Swanson Sends Reply to Norfolk County League.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., September 18.—Governor Swanson has replied to the letter forwarded him by J. S. Roper, secretary of the Norfolk County Improvement League, No. I, in which the league protested against the present judges and clerks of election in the Western Branch district. The letter follows:

Richmond, Va., Sept. 16, 1807.

Mr. J. S. Roper, Portsmouth, Va.:

My Dear Sir.—I am just in receipt of your letter, which I have noted. In reply I will say that I have no authority or power whatever in reference to the appointment of judges of election. This is a matter left entirely to the electoral board. The law is specific in fixing the qualifications of electors and election judges.

With regards and esteem, I am, Very truly yours,

CAUDE A. SWANSON,

Governor of Virginia.

MILLIONAIRE'S ODD WILL

Waters-Pierce Co. and Sold at Same Figure Without Collecting Dividends.

handling of accounts, which Mr. Fay failed to explain.

Will Be Acceptable to All. Treasury Men Wish Mr. Barr to



NOT CAUGHT BY RUSE OF OFFICERS

When Asked to Go to 'Phone He Refuses, Locks Door and Fires Bullet Into Temple-Leaves Letter Declaring His Innocence of Crime.

NORFOLK, VA., September 19.— Joshua Harrison died at 2 o'clock this morning, without regaining consciousness.

NORFOLK, VA., September 18. Rather than spend twenty years in the North Carolina penitentiary for the crime of kidnapping—a crime of which

a bullet hole in his right teraple. Be-side him was the fatal pistol. He had bled freely, and a pool of blood had settled about his head. Although he was unconscious, there was still life in his body. He was hurried to St. in his body. He was hurried to St. Vincent's Hospital barely alive. A hasty examination in the operating-room revealed the fact that there was

In Harrison's room was found a letter, signed by himself, in which he declared that he was innocent of the crime of which he was convicted, and

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PRISON CONGRESS COMING

Another Great Convention to be Held in Richmond.

In a telegram from Chicago received here yesterday, Mr. J. B. Wood announced that the National Prison Congress of the United States had selected Richmond as its meeting-place in 1908.

The association, which is made up of the boards and superintendents of nearly all the large penitentiaries and reformatories in this country, meets annually for the discussion of the best methods of prison reform, and for the comparison of ideas and an interchange of views as to the proper conduct of penal institutions.

Major Evan F, Morgan, Superintendent of the Virginia State Penitentiary, and three members of the board of the State Institution—Messrs. James B. Wood, James D. Patton and John C. Easley—are now in Chicago, attending the annual meeting of this association. Mr. W. B. Bradley, another member of the penitentiary board, who was unable to be present, said last night that the gathering was a most influential one, and that it would be an important event to have such a convention come to Richmond. There are nearly a thousand delegates in attendance on the present Chicago conference, and the body will be in session for four or five days, Mr. Bradley, said. A large number of important matters

RUBINSTEIN WINS IN CHESS

Russian Defents the Grent Masters of World in Royal Game. CARLSBAD, September 18.—By draw-

YOUNG MAN KILLED BY TRAIN

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHARLOTTE, N. C., September 18.—
At an early hour this morning the body
of William H. Desmond, Jr., a prominent young stenographer, eighteen
years old, was found by the Southern
Railway tracks, near the depot here,
horribly mangled. It was learned later
that the young man went to the station to see some girl friends off, and
attempted to jump from the moving
train at a crossing. He evidently fell
beneath the wheels, and probably every
wheel passed over his body, as his
head, arms and legs were entirely

HUNDRED LIVES LOST

Belief was expressed generally that City Attorney Pollard will hold that in accepting subcontracts for city work members of Council do not violate the present laws of the Commonwealth.

The grand jury will not take up the investigation of the City Home wood contract scandal until the October term.

A cilizen declares that he will attempt to hold up the payment of City Home repair work by appeal to the courts to determine whether or not the opinion of the City Attorney as to subcontractors is legally correct.

The General Assembly will be urged to amend the law, making it apply to subcontracts as well as to contracts.

Delay in Bid Scandal.

Taken as a while these develop-ments may sweep away for the time being the fear which has seized those who are concerned one way or the